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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1722**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideaki TANAKA

Group Art Unit: 1722

Application No.: 10/073,409

Examiner: J. Mackey

Filed: February 13, 2002

Docket No.: 111867

For: TIRE VULCANIZING MOLD

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 12, 2004 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.